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Letter To The Editors

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Editor of the **Times-Virginian**
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Dear Sir:

The following is a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Karl E. Carter of the Amherst County School System. I wrote the letter in response to his editorial which appeared in the **Times-Virginian** on Thursday, January 23.

I must say I was most surprised to read your letter concerning girls' basketball, mainly because it seemed to be a libelous statement towards Mrs. Louise Martin instead of an editorial response to Mrs. Martin's statement which appeared in the **Lynchburg News**. I taught with Mrs. Martin in the Appomattox school system two years ago, coached with her, went to church with her and I must say if anyone has taught social and moral values it is Mrs. Martin.

Also concerning several other statements you made I would like to make some comments since I am also a basketball coach. We play a fall schedule of basketball and it all works out fine in our school athletic program. But this is not to say girls do not have the right to play in the winter. If fall basketball is so good why not allow the girls play basketball in the winter and the boys play in the fall? Also I must say wholeheartedly that fans do not always pay their $1.50 to see the last varsity contest, as you must realize the girls' game is considered a varsity event and not a preliminary game.

But the main point I want to make is that I think Mrs. Martin has the right to her opinion as you do, but to give direct insults to someone publicly, as you did in your response, is an unethical approach. Mrs. Martin happens to be one of the finest persons, and coaches, I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She has been one of the greatest assets to women's athletics in Appomattox and will continue to be as long as time will allow.

Sincerely,
Mary E. King
Blackstone, Va.

Letter To The Editor

W. Lloyd Vaughan
Editor and Publisher
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Lloyd:

Somehow in the production of your fine edition of Thursday, January 30, someone hit a few keys in error.

In a three-column head on your front page there appeared the statement: "Council Opposes Proposals of State Crime Commission."

In the lead paragraph the story read: "The Appomattox Town Council Monday night went on record as opposing nine legislative proposals set forth by the State's Commission on Crime and Criminal Justice."

These statements may confuse some of your readers who are not wholly familiar with the activities of the Virginia State Crime Commission, a legislatively based commission, and the Division of Justice and Crime Prevention. The latter is the funding unit of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The make-up of the council is spelled out in the Virginia Code and the director is appointed by the Governor. As one of the legislative members of the Crime Commission, I assure you that the Crime Commission did not make the nine proposals as were numerated in Volume 3, A Legislative Plan of Action, made public by the Division of Justice and Crime Prevention in November. Indeed, the Crime Commission has reviewed the resident trooper proposal and referred most of the other recommendations to its subcommittee on law enforcement, which I have the happy privilege of chairing. The nine points were first proposed to the Crime Commission at a working session at Ground Hog Mountain in October.

I am sure that you will want to clear this matter up for your many readers who are vitally interested in the criminal justice system. The Crime Commission has a close working relationship with local law enforcement personnel and strives in various ways to make conditions better so that they can more successfully carry out their obligations.

Your support of those associated in the criminal justice system is genuinely appreciated by all of us who serve on the Crime Commission and are continually striving to reduce crime and to make conditions safer for everyone. Shortly, the Crime Commission will begin a Crime in the Streets Program that will be statewide and in which we will be asking for your support. We will need citizen involvement and will have a series of public hearings across the state.

Assuring you fo my personal appreciation for your cooperation and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,
Claude W. Anderson,
Chairman, Subcommittee for Compensation of Law Enforcement Officers

Car Wash

There will be a car wash sponsored by Trinity's U.M.Y.F., on February 8, from 8:00 to 5:00, at the Amco Car Wash. If it rains, it will be carried until the following Saturday, which is the 15th.

The Pastor Speaks

"Be Glad"

Praise the Lord! The Book of Psalms is called in Hebrew **Tehillim**, "Praises." And, while not all Psalms are hymns of praises, most of them were sooner or later used in the temple worship as vehicles of praise. We need to be glad in our private and public worship today. The psalmist wrote, "But let the righteous be glad: Let them rejoice before God: Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to His name: Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name, and rejoice before Him." Psalm 68:1. In our troubled times, God's people are learning again to praise the Lord and to be glad. Bishop H. Carothers and Judson Cornwall are among those who are reminding us of the ministry of praise. We read and hear the expression, "Praise the Lord anyhow." And are reminded of the Biblical command to praise the Lord in all things,regardless of circumstances. God invites us to enjoy Him.And, when we value God above all other realities,we delight to praise Him.The late C.S. Lewis says "The Scotch Catechism says that man's chief end is "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him." Are you glad? Are you enjoying the Lord? Try praising God and thanking Him for everything that happens to you. This thankful and glad spirit is necessary for true happiness and joy. The Apostle Paul found this truth, for he wrote, "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thess. 5:16-18.

Henry E. Riley, Jr., Pastor
Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, February 9, 1975.

Topic: A Serving People.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8; Ephesians 4: 11-16; Titus 3: 8-14; James 2: 14-17; 1 Peter 2:9.

Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. Titus 3:14.

This unit of International Sunday School lessons shows the interrelationship of several aspects of Christian conduct. Christian people are empowered by Holy Spirit for the work God calls them to do, they constitute a worshiping community, they serve where there is need, they have the responsibility to act as agents of reconciliation in bringing the world to God.

Serving embraces each of these aspects, for the Christian is empowered to serve, worship and the ministry of reconciliation are aspects of service, and the connotation of service (as used in this week's lesson) calls for ministry to human needs of every sort.

The emphasis of this week's lesson is on doing good deeds, on ministering to human need, as Jesus set an example. It should not be surprising, then, to find the Apostle Paul writing to one of his most faithful and trusted assistants, Titus, in a letter dealing with pastoral responsibilities, "Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help in cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful." Despite this contrast some Biblical interpreters draw between Paul and his emphasis on faith, and James, and his emphasis on good works, the two stand on common ground, as the instruction to Titus indicates. James is bluntly practical in pointing out that the good wish, unimpelemented by action, is fruitless and ineffectual.

James views good works as the demonstration of the believer's faith. Paul applied that viewpoint in calling on the Christians in Macedonia and Achaia, the regions in which he first preached in Europe, to minister to the famine-distressed Christians in Jerusalem by contributing money to buy them food and other necessities.

In a sense this contribution by the Christians in Greece is the sequel to the account of the sale and sharing of their possessions by the Jerusalem Christians at the beginning of their experience as a church. Then numbers of them sold all that they had and brought the proceeds to the church, where it was distributed among all the members. There is no indication that this was required of them by an divine or even apostolic command. Rather it was a voluntary expression of their love for one another. It was generous, but impractical, expression of concern, for it deprived those who did so of a major means of production of future income. When these funds were exhausted, there were not the resources left among the Christians to enable them to meet human needs in a crisis, such as the famine, the suffering from which Paul sought to relieve by taking an offering from those in another part of the world who were not similarly distressed.

In writing to Christians in Corinth of how the Christians in Macedonia conducted this fund-raising effort to relieving want, Paul notes the foundation of every sincere and concerned ministry to human need: "but first they gave themselves to the Lord . . . " By putting God first, they saw their responsibility to minister to other children of God who lacked the essentials of living. By giving God the priority over self, they could more gladly and willingly take what they called theirs and use it for others.

The believer cannot, consistently with his profession, withdraw himself from the world and from others. Though he is not be conformed to the world, yet it is his responsibility to live in the world and to witness to it God's redeeming love and reconciling grace, an important way in which witnesses is through service, ministering to human needs. This expression of concern, when more than anything else testify to the Christian's concern for all people and to demonstrate God's love for humanity. As the Christian ministers in God's name, he reveals God's love. The blessings of water given for these still in the freshness of thy grace." Bishop Frank Mason North eloquently wrote.

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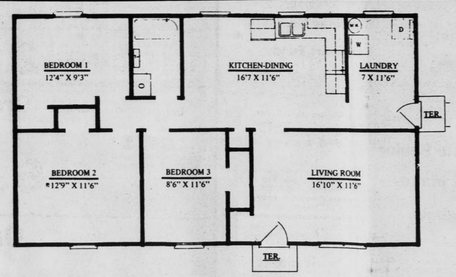

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...Mrs. L. Harvey and Mr. ...Lewis Harvey spent ...n Richmond in the ...er, and Mrs. Henry ...

...Keys spent Sunday ...ne of Mrs. Ernest ...Farrar is confined ...n because of illness. ...st Farrar, a patient ...burg General Hospital ...following surgery. ...is the home of Mrs. J. ...rvey on Saturday were ...Mrs. Wylie Richardson ...burg.

...K. Hamilton, Mrs. J. ...ney and Mrs. John ...were guests in the home ...Ernest Farrar on ...

...Bobby Bruce spent ...y in the home of Mrs. ...Harvey.

...Garland Mayberry of ...burg spent Tuesday in ...of her mother, Mrs. ...Harvey.

...Aubrey Ranson who has ...patient in the Lynch-...General Hospital has ...d to her home.

...C. Paulette spent ...k and with her sister, ...Crews of Nathalie.

...Mrs. Bill Hamlet ...Sunday in the home of ...Mrs. Robert Hamlet.

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...Bruce Paulette, Traci ...were guests Sunday ...of Mrs. Frances ...

...Howard Cralle is ...ing a few days in ...with her son-in-law ...er, Mr. and Mrs. ...

...Florence Bartlett is ...a few days with her ...law, Mrs. LeRoy Gar-...Hammond.

...Mrs. Melvin Gris-...Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harris and sons and Mrs. W. C. Garrette spent Sunday in the homes of Mrs. Carl Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harding of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edwards and sons of Franklin spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey.

Stonewall

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." Mark 8:36

So very glad to report Mr. Hugh Braford will be coming home this week end if he continues to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson went to Richmond Thursday and visited Mr. Hugh Braford in McGuire Hospital.

Mrs. Andrew Horsley is improving at Guggenheimer Nursing Home. Mr. Crawford Davidson and Mrs. Tom David son visited her several days last week.

Mrs. C. T. Roach spent Saturday night with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson, due to bad weather. She went home every Sunday morning.

Sunday was a real winter day, but we had the usual crowd at Hebron at Hebron Sunday. There were 104 present at Sunday School.

Mrs. Hugh Braford spent the week end with her husband at McGuire Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Miss Connie Krantz spent the week end with Miss Jeanie McGinnis in Rainbow Forest, Lynchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz went for her Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Richard Jones spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones visited them Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourn Moon visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Monday.

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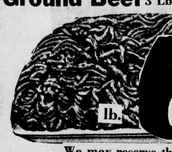
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